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U.S.arms for Dacca

New Delhi, May 17 (UNI): India will continue to keep a watch on the developments regarding U.S. supply of military equipment to Bangladesh, Deputy External Affairs Minister Bipin Pal Das told Parliament.

According to statements reportedly made by U.S. officials and reports appearing in the U.S. Press, talks had been held between the Governments of the United States and Bangladesh on supply of "limited types of military equipment such as for transport and communications" to Bangladesh on a commercial basis. Mr. Das said in a written answer.

Call for communal harmony

New Delhi, May 17 (Samachar) Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has asked all sections of the population to work together to strengthen the nation and to cement its unity.

India had succeeded commendably in maintaining unity and communal harmony although sometimes stray disturbances occurred. However considering the size of the country's population such disturbances were very small. In some other countries where people spoke only two language, disturbances were more frequent, she said while inaugurating a conference of artisand and craftsmen here.

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AIR-INDIA TO PROVIDE STOP-OVER FACILITY ON ITS 14/120-DAY EXCURSION FARE TO INDIA.

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The total elapsed time between New York and Bombay will now be seventeen hours and ten minutes, inclusive of stopover time at London, as against the current scheduled time for most flights of approximately twenty-four hours.

With the recent increase in vacation and business traffic between the USA and India, the airline hopes that with the reduction of total flight time, it will attract a greater share of this growing segment of the market, and current plans call for adding another one stop weekend fast flight between the USA and India later this year.

Share limit for multinationals

New Delhi, May 17 (Samachar) The Government of India's policy towards the multinationals is that they should function within the ambit of national priority and under the regulations of the laws of the land such as the Foreign Exchange Regulations Act, the Company's Act and the Monopolies and Restrictive Trade Practices Act, B. P. Maurya, Minister of State for Industry and Supplies, explained in the Lok Sabha.

Intervening in a debate Mr. Maurya assured members who had expressed grave concern over recent reports of the multifarious activities of the multinationals that such branches of the foreign companies and their Indian subsidiaries would have to "wind up and go" if they refused to dilute their share holdings to 40 per cent.

Arrests for rumour mongering

New Delhi, May 17 (Samachar): Twenty nine persons have been arrested in Delhi for spreading rumour against the family planning.

By promulgating and order, the Lt-Governor of Delhi, Kishan Chand, has empowered the police to arrest anyone found spreading rumous of coercion by official agencies for sterilisation.

Meanwhile, Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has stressed the importance of family planning but ruled out coercion.

Discounting 'all kinds of rumours' regarding family planning she said action would be taken if specific instances of coercion were brought to the notice of the authorities.

Addressing a delegation in her house, Mrs Gandhi also referred to communal and reactionery forces and said these forces were still covertly indulging in anti-national activities. Banning them was not enough and people should help in curbing such forces.

More than 58 per cent of the couples in the reproductive age group in the Capital have been practising family planning using various methods, including sterilisation, IUD, conventional contraceptives and oral pills.

Biggest black money disclosure

Madras, May 16 (UNI): A New Delhi resident had disclosed his unaccounted wealth of Rs 140 million under the Voluntary Disclosure Scheme ended on December 31 last.

He was the 'biggest blackmoney keeper' among the 255,000 persons who had come forward to disclose their undeclared wealth, according to S.R. Mehta, Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes.

Mr. Mehta told newsmen that the unaccounted wealth and income voluntarily disclosed till December 31 had amounted to Rs 18,870 million.

Of this, the next tax yield during 1975-76 was Rs 2080 million and another tax yield of Rs 420 million was expected in the current year.

Indo-Pak relations to be restored

Islamabad — India and Pakistan agreed to resume diplomatic relations, severed at the time of their Decemer, 1971, war over the secession of Bangladesh. The decision was announced in a joint statement after three days of talks between the Pakistan Government and a visiting Indian delegation. The two countries agreed to restore overflights and air and rail links.

Ketkar acquitted in Gandhi murder case

Puna, May 17 (Samachar): The 78 year old Gajanan Vishwanath Ketkar former editor of a local Marathi Daily has been acquitted of the charge of intentionally concealing prior information about the conspiracy to assassinate Mahatma Gandhi.

Delivering his judgement the Judicial Magistrate, R. V. Tukdev, observed that the prosecution had failed to prove that the accused intentionally ommitted to give the information as required under section 44 (one) of the Criminal Procedure Code.

The court held that in this case, the Government was in possession of the fact of the conspiracy before the accused had it and, therefore, Mr. Ketkar "cannot be convicted under section 176 of the Indian Penal Code". The accused "has not committed any offence and he is entitled to be acquitted."

The Magistrate said there was no evidence that the accused had an intention that Gandhiji be murdered.

"India on the move"

The Dominion Daily of Wellington on April 27 published an article under the heading "India on the move" by a New Zealand journalist, E. J. Urlich, who visited India recently. The writer makes the following points in his article.

Only in much-maligned India prices have been checked and inflation halted. This reversal of a global trend is the outcome of a new found discipline. Because of this discipline India is on the move.

Before going there outsiders are inclined, through reports of western TV, radio, and press, to think of India as in utter shambles. But infact it is refreshingly free from wrangles between the government and organized labor and consequent industrial troubles plaguing civilized nations of the western world. Following are some quotes from the article:

"My most lasting impression of India is an obvious sense of purpose, a sense of destiny to achieve greater things in the interests of the country first and foremost.

"The western tendency to single out Mrs. Gandhi for criticism is grossly unfair — another link in the chain of misconceptions about anything to do with India. In the context of her own society and in what she is trying to do she could eventually emerge as the most outstanding political figure of her day and age.

"During a pre-Indian visit discussion a highly-educated, much travelled European said there were only two great countries — China and India. He could be proved right."

[India News]

Food target exceeded

New Delhi, May 17 (Samachar) Union Agriculture Minister Jagjivan Ram announced in the Lok Sabha that this year's food production target of 114 million tonnes would be exceeded.

"According to even very conservative estimates, we feel the production will be 116 million tonnes", he said.

Jagjivan Ram said that the record 48 million tonne rice crop — four million tonnes higher than last year's production — meant that the green revolution had to rice and was not confined to wheat.

PMS PICTURE ON PAPER WEIGHTS.

Bombay, May 16 (UNI): The city police have detected and curbed the use of pictorial representation of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on paper weights for advertisement by a private firm.

Watch your handwriting

New Delhi, An official of the New Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking a careful look at your handwriting, according to a report featured by the New Delhi Statesman.

Mr. Mago looks intently at the specimen of handwriting in front of him, his fingers moving to make invisible letters in the air, his face fraught with concentration, then looks up at the people in front of him then makes his ponderous pronouncements.

Mr. Mago is a self-taught analyst, he has not even read the books on the subject. He reads the writing even of those 10,000 miles away. "Your friend is an extrovert, she is modest. . . and she has almond eyes." Mr. Mago got a 100 out of 100 for that one.

The interesting thing about him is that from handwriting he can not only tell you whether you dislike turnips and love ice-cream or are over-ambitious, opinionated or as gentle as a dove with the voice of a nightingale or as an owl but what your husband, daughter or "main influence" in your life actually looks like and the significant letters in their name.

Mr. Mago has a little red book in which are neatly categorised the 30 odd types of people. A long look at the person before him or his handwriting (even a single alphabet will do — there is more to the letter "t" than to any other one — and it can set him off on an infinite number of hypotheses and he turns to the relevant page in his little book and rattles off the characteristics without even a pause for breath. And 90 percent of them are correct.

HOW IT STARTED

How did a rather shy person like him ever get interested in all this? Mr. Mago actually wanted to be a journalist. When that did not work out, he tried many other things before joining DESU. And as a hobby he started looking at how people wrote. He first started with his relatives and then went on to his friends and has, since it all began over four years ago, evolved his own theories and principles — there are about 50 points which he has to see.

He has appeared on television — since that day people go and see him at home after office hours, giving him even more material for developing his theories and principles.

All this, he explains, is based on science and scientific principles though that little touch of intuition is indispensable.

Sometimes, he launches into pure intuition as well. He asked the name of the husband of one of those present and then after 10 minutes of concentration, he actually described the person right down to the kind of look he had in his eyes, his profession and likes and dislikes.

Jokingly, one asked him whether or not his talent could be used to catch criminals since he can describe them from their handwriting, and probably where they can be found since he could also tell the police what the man likes to eat. And, believe it or not, this is precisely what he has been asked to do.

THE FUTURE

How can he tell a person's future from the way he writes. Mr. Mago, in his precise, direct manner wastes no words: since the planets influence the lives and physiques of people, I believe that they can influence their handwriting as well . . . once, I get the ruling planet of anyone, I can tell him everything and anything: his body structure, weight, height, face. . .

He categorises eyes as well: black eyes belong to passionate people, blue eyes, to the dispassionate, greasy to the selfish, round to the near-sighted, sleepy to the acquisitive or shrewd — smugglers come under this category — and cross eyed to those who have something not quite right with their parentage: either they are illegitimate or have divorced parents.

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Indian delegation

India will be sending a 12-member delegation to **Habitat** that will be headed by K. Raghuramiah, Union Minister for Works and Housing.

Mr. Raghuramiah will be accompanied by Mrs. Gurbindar Kaur Brar, Punjab's Minister for Housing, and assisted by senior Central Government officials, including Dr. A. Ramachandran, Secretary of the Department of Science and Technology, N. J. Kamath, Works and Housing Secretary, and Rikhi Jaipal, India's Permanent Representative to the U. N. K. N. Bakshi, Deputy High Commissioner in Canada, will be among half a dozen advisers.

PERAMBUR UNIT EXCEEDS TARGET FOR COACH SHELLS

New Delhi, May 18 (Samachar): The three production units of the railways manufactured 535 shells of coaches, 517 furnished coaches, 138 diesel and 54 electric locomotives during 1975-76.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

U.S WARNED AGAINST ARMS SUPPLY TO PAKISTAN

Calcutta, May 14 (Samachar): Deputy External Affairs Minister Bipin Pal Das has asked the United States to be cautious before supplying arms to Pakistan as it is likely to lead to an arms race in the Indian sub-continent.

He told newsmen here that India had been repeatedly assured by the U.S. Government that it would not supply any arms to Pakistan which could lead to an arms race in the sub-continent. "Now events only would prove," he said commenting on the latest U.S. move for supply of arms to that country.

GOVT FULLY AWARE OF BORDER DEVELOPMENTS

New Delhi, May 16 (UNI): The Union Government has been keeping itself informed of the 'developments' across the borders, Defence Minister Bansi Lal told Lok Sabha. He maintained that it was not in public interest to reveal details.

A member wanted to know if Bangladesh and Pakistan had intensified activities of their troops near the border and whether there had been border violations and intrusions.

138 JOINT VENTURES APPROVED IN 1975

New Delhi, May 13 Samachar: The Government has approved till the end of December 1975, 134 proposals for India's joint ventures with other counties.

Of these, 64 have already gone into production and 70 are under active implementation.

The approved investment in these projects is of the order of nearly Rs 328 million.

INCIDENCE OF VIOLENCE CONTAINED

New Delhi, May 16 (UNI): The Home Minister K. Brahmananda Reddy, stated in the Lok Sabha that some incidents of extremist violence and reactionary activities had been reported from certain states in recent months, but they had been contained by the State Governments.

In a written answer to a member, the Minister said it would not be in public interest to disclose at this state the details of these incidents.

INDIA PLANS TO BUILD BIG SATELLITE LAUNCHERS

New Delhi, May 18 (Samachar): Space scientists are planning to build large rockets capable of launching communication satellites into geo-stationary orbits.

According to the Department of Space, the scientists have already conducted studies on rockets "more powerful and larger than SLV-3." India's first satellite launchers, which is to hurl a 40-Kg satellite into orbit by 1979.

INDIA RUMANIA ACCORD ON SCIENTIFIC COOPERATION SIGNED

New Delhi, (Samachar): India and Rumania will cooperate in the fields of metallurgy, textiles, glass and chemicals, leather, building sciences and agricultural sciences under an agreement signed here by both the countries.

KARUNANIDHIS WRIT DISMISSED IN HIGHT COURT

Madras, May 12 (Samachar): A division bench of the Madras High Court has dismissed the writ petitions filed by the ousted Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. Karunanidhi questioning the validity of the notification of the Central Government appointing the Sarkaria Commission to inquire into the corruption charges against him.

The division bench comprising Chief Justice P.U. Kailasam and Justice V. Balasubramaniam dismissed various contentions raised by the petitioner and upheld the validity of the notification.

350,000 SLUM DWELLERS RESETTLED IN DELHI

New Delhi, May 13 (Samachar): Out of an estimated 600,000 slum-dwellers in the capital, 350,000 have already been resettled in the outskirts of the city as part of a big resettlement project to be completed within six months.

According to H.K.L. Bhagat, Union Minister for Works and Housing, the rehabilitated persons have been provided with a piece of land measuring 25 square yards and the Delhi Administration has extended a loan facility to extend of Rs 2,000 per unit. Financial assistance is also being extended to them by the nationalised banks.

SATELLITE TRACKING UNIT TO BE SET UP IN TAMIL NADU

New Delhi, May 12 (Samachar): A satellite tracking station with Soviet collaboration is being set up at Kavaloor in Tamil Nadu to study closely the earth in relation to other planets.

According to Prof. Satish Dhawan, Chairman of the Space Commission, India and the Soviet Union had recently entered into an agreement for the setting up of this station at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics at Kavaloor.

PAI FOR BACKING UN BID FOR CODE FOR MULTINATIONALS

New Delhi, May 17 (Samachar): Industry Minister T.A. Pai made fervent pleas in the Lok Sabha that India should strongly support the United Nations in evolving a code of conduct for the multinational corporations and the UNIDO's efforts at evolving a system for transfer of technology to the developing countries through a single U.N. agency.

NO POWER SHORTAGE

New Delhi, May 17 (Samachar): There will not be any power shortage in most of the States in India with the additional generation of 2,000 to 2,200 MW electricity this year, according to Energy Minister K.C. Pant.

Replying to a debate in Parliament he said power generation this year would go up by 10 to 12 per cent.

He also said his Ministry was taking steps to achieve a target of 108 million tonnes of coal in 1976-77.

453 PERSONS ARRESTED

New Delhi, May 12(samachar): Deputy Home Minister F.H. Mohsin told Parliament that 453 persons had been arrested in connection with the disturbances in the Turkman Gate area of Delhi where six persons were killed in police firing on April 19.

70 PER CENT VILLAGES TO HAVE POWER BY PLAN END

New Delhi, May 12 (Samachar): By the end of the Fifth Plan (1974-79), 70 per cent of India's rural population is expected to be covered by power supply, Parliament was told. Presently 47 per cent of the rural population was covered by electricity.

Deputy Energy Minister Siddeshwar Prasad told the House that Adivase, Harijan and backward areas would be given special attention and priority in the matter of energy.

Meanwhile, the President has promulgated an ordinance, prohibiting unauthorised mining of coal.

BID TO BREAK MONOPOLY OF MULTINATIONALS

New Delhi, May 14 (Samachar): Developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America will collaborate among themselves to establish units for essential drugs to break the monopoly of multinational drug firms.

This was the consensus reached at an international consultation meeting on transfer of technology in the field of drugs organised by the United Nations Industrial Development Organisation ((UNIDO)), the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) and the Indian Government.

AMENDMENTS TO PRESS AND REGISTATION ACT UNDER CONSIDERATION

New Delhi, May 12(Samachar): Information and Broadcasting Minister Vidya Charan Shukla informed Parliament that amendments to the Press and Registration of Books Act were under the consideration of the Government.

The amendments might counteract possilbe undesirable influence of ownership of newspapers over editorial policy.

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Will Sanjay follow mother

By Jane Tweddle

Sanjay Gandhi is being backed as the successor to his mother, Indira Gandhi as India's next Prime Minister, while his popularity increases by leaps and bounds.

He emerged into the political scene with the declaration of Emergency last June. Soon he was engaged in conferring with cabinet ministers and state officials. Early in the month he was visiting the ancient capital of Agra to meet the people, make decisions and generally demonstrate his growing power. This looked like typical campaigning and everywhere he went he received a reception similar to that of a crown Prince. A high-level Government official said. "He's got her name, her style and her guts. Give him five years and nothing will stop him."

Critics of Sanjay feel he is ruthless and brash, taking advantage of his name to bolster his power.

To his supporters it seems natural that he should "keep the family tradition." India has had only Jawaharlal Gandhi and Indira Gandhi as Prime Minister's since it became independent 29 years ago, with the exception of a short time when Lab Bahadur Shastri was in power.

One supporter and a personal friend of the Gandhi's said: "If a Kennedy follows another Kennedy, or a Churchill follows another Churchill, that's all right. But if it happens in India, everybody says it is undemocratic. Why a political party would be crazy not to take advantage of the way that boy appeals to the masses."

Anti-India propaganda

Madras, May 17 (UNI): Union Information and Broadcasting Minister Vidya Charan Shukla said here that certain sections of the mass media in the U.S., France, Britain, and Germany were still carrying on anti-India propaganda.

But for these, the world opinion about India and the steps it had taken in the recent months had been quite satisfactory, he said while addressing a group of youth here.

Mr. Shukla was asked about the hostile propaganda in the western media and the steps taken by the Government to counteract this. He said Socialist, Non-Aligned, Latin American and the African countries were "not only fair but impartial and understanding."

Smugglers face extraditiion

Bombay, May 17 (Samachar): Fifteen top Indian smugglers, each carrying a prize of Rs 5,000 on his head, were in Dubai and extradition proceedings were in progress to bring them to India, M.L. Wadhavan, Collector of Customs (Preventive), said.

He said with the approaching monsoon the smugglers operating from Dubai were desperately sending contraband consignments to places away from Bombay.

A regular drill had been set for the nine road patrol parties and the 12 shoreguard parties to track suspect fishing craft. Patrolling had been intensified, he said.

No pension for anti-Hindi agitators

New Delhi, May 17 (Samachar): The Supreme Court annualed the Tamil Nadu Government's scheme of 1974 granting pension to the anti-Hindi agitators in the State.

Describing the scheme as unconstitutional the Court held that it contained "the vice of disintegration and formenting fissiparous tendencies."

The scheme was introduced by the erstwhile Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) Government and it sormed a part of the supplementary budget presented by the then Chief Minister, M. Karunanidhi, to the State Assembly in August 1947.

India sues U.S.firms

by Jane Tweddle

$215.25 million has been claimed by India from five U.S. firms for conspiring to sell poor, short-weight, contaminated and spoiled grain to India. The Indian Govt. wants $146.75 millipn for compensatory damages and an additional $68.5 million for exemplary damages.

The firms involved are Cook Industries Inc. and Cook & Co., Louis Dreyfus Corp., Peavey Co., Continental grain and Cargrill Inc. These firms had the Dept of Agricultural issuing "fraudulent" certificates and false weights. The certificates issued claims the grain was of a better quality grade and condition than it was.

The conspiracy has been going on since 1961.

Rail unit formed

New Delhi, May 17 (Samachar): A new company known as the Indian Railwey Construction Company Private Limited has been set up in the public sector under the Ministry of Railways.

The company has been formed with the object of taking up on the turnkey basis in India and abroad the construction of new railway lines, setting up of production units for manufacture of rolling stock, signalling and telecommunication equipment, construction of locomotive repair shops and maintenance depots, modernisation of existing signalling and telecommunication systems and other railway works.

Chicken pox in S.India

New Delhi, May 16 (UNI): Smallpox has been completely eradicated from the Indian sub-continent, but chicken pox has assumed epidemic proportions in the four southern states of India, according to the World Health Organisation (WHO).

More than 100,000 health workers and doctors combed nearly half a million villages throughout India in search of the elusive smallpox which claimed thousands of lives in the past.

They knocked at the doors of nearly 110 million households, penetrated inaccessible areas in hilly and tribal regions, showed everyone horrifying pictures of smallpox-stricken children, and made elaborate inquiries about smallpox. All their efforts were in vain, and they returned empty-handed with no sign of smallpox visible anywhere in India. According to WHO officials in charge of the smallpox division of the WHO office here, the last known case of smallpox in India was reported from Karimganjin Assam in May, 1975.

Elite only in IIT

New Delhi, May 18 (Samachar): Children from elite families are most successful in gaining entrance to India's elite engineering schools, an analysis of last year's joint entrance examination to the five India Institutes of Technology has shown.

The typical successful candidate was of about 17 years of age belonging to a family of five with the father or guardian earning around Rs 14,500 annually. He comes from a city and has studied in an English medium school.

Consumer protection council proposed

New Delhi, May 17 (Samachar): The Government proposes to set up a national consumer protection council to act as a watchdog body for ensuring price stability and quality control of mass consumer goods, according to Union Minister of State for Industry and Civil Supplies A. C. George.

Intervening in a Parliament debate, he said the Government was considering establishment of a permanent public distribution system. The attempt would be to see that the public distribution system became a good network of fair price shops for sale of essential commodities.

Mr. George said a major achievement of 1975-76 was on the price front. Not only had inflation been controlled, but there was also a sharp decline in prices compared to the preceeding year. While in 1974-75 a rate of inflation of 23.1 per cent was recorded in the year ending March this year, the country achieved a negative rate of inflation of 3.4 per cent in wholesale prices.

CIA being watched

New Delhi, Apr 29 (Samachar): India has "taken serious note" of all that have been published on the activities of the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency (CIA).

Replying to a discussion in the Lok Sabha Deputy Home Minister F.H. Mohsin assured the members, who expressed concern on the activities of the CIA, that "utmost vigilance" was being maintained in this regard.

In reply to a specific question, he said the income-tax department was still examining the seized documents and accounts of the Association of Voluntary Agencies for Rural Development (AVARD) in Bihar, of which Sarvodaya leader Jayaprakash Narayan was the President. If action on the part of the Home Ministry was warranted on the basis of the investigation, it would be taken.

Yoga in schools

New Delhi, May 17 (Samachar): Union Health Minister Karan Singh has expressed the hope in the next two years yoga would be taught in the country's educational institutions. The State Governments had been asked to include yoga in the syllabus for schools and colleges.

Replying to question by members in Parliament, Dr. Karan Singh said the board which prepared the syllabus of yoga for educational institutions included a "Number of eminent yogis and scientists."

Dr. Karan Singh said he was glad to inform members that India was perhaps the only nation in the world today where work was being done on the problems of "consciousness research."

NEW SATELLITE

New Delhi, May 16 (UNI): Prime Minister Indira Gandhi told the Lok Sabha that the Indian Space Research Organisation had plans "to place in orbit an earth observation satellite.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

During periods of economic hardships any society, modern or not-so-modern, becomes less sensitive to the question of human rights. Canadian society has been no exception to this general rule. Paradoxically enough that is the time when human rights need greater protection.

During the last couple of years of economic slowdown racial prejudice and discrimination have gone up drastically and visible minority groups have been affected the most. Despite many racial incidents in Toronto and Vancouver neither the federal government nor the provincial governments have done much to effectively fight racism. Racism is also manifested in less violent and less dramatic incidents all over the country in hirings, firings, denial of promotions, and so on.

A federal human rights commission can to a certain extent help to alleviate some of these problems. However, when introduced, such a commission should have real teeth and should not be an agency that will merely convey the impression that something is being done without actually being effective. It should not be, for example, like the Ontario Human Rights Commission which does very little in the area in which it is supposed to be active.

It is regrettable that the federal human rights legislation is prevented from coming into being as a result of the Anti-Inflation Program. Such legislation should certainly get high priority during times of economic hardships.

We do hope that higher priority will be attached to such legislation so that the basic human rights of all Canadians will receive a certain amount of protection.

Ambitious export target

New Delhi, Having exceeded in 1975-76 its export target of Rs. 36,000 million, India has set its sights on achieving the new target of Rs. 45,000 million during the current year.

Officially, however, the target announced for 1976-77 has been placed at Rs. 43,500 million.

But the country has also recorded the biggest trade deficit ever and the gap was Rs. 12,180 million at the end of 11 months in February 1976 as compared to the adverse balance of Rs. 11,640 million in 1974-75.

The Commerce Ministry has been at work on an export augmentation strategy involving production for exports as distinct from surpluses for export and, possibly measures aimed at making selling certain goods abroad more competitive. Major policy decisions on these lines are expected to emerge in the next few months.

The idea is to broaden and diversify the base for export production and not to depend for exports largely on surpluses which might or might not be generated from production essentially meant for the home market.

Certain goods for which there is no effective demand at home will be selected for sales abroad.

[CII News]

New cholera vaccine

New Delhi, May 13 (Samachar): A new cholera vaccine, 'more effective than the existing one,' has been developed at the Cholera Research Centre (CRC) according to the Centre's director in Calcutta, Dr. S.C. Pall.

The vaccine was tested on more than 203,000 people in Calcutta and the 24-Parganas in controlled clinical trials.

The vaccine which uses aluminium phosphate as an 'adjuvant' gives a 12-month protection against the disease in 87 per cent of children aged between one and four and in 62 per cent of adults.

ROBBERS TO BE SHOT

Lucknow, May 12(samachar): The Uttar Pradesh government has issued orders to shoot at sight highway robbers. Every police station in the State will be equipped with a wireless set to intensify highway patrol.

Letters

Swami's open letter to Indira

Revered Self:

During my travels, many people, westerners as well as easterners, ask me about present conditions in India. I have received many press clippings and letters urging me to take action to help restore democracy in India. As a swami I am not personally involved in politics. As a concerned human being, however, I have founded the International Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Centers and the True World Order, dedicated to furthering the cause of world peace through yogic discipline and principles. TWO, which proclaims "Unity in Diversity," is not critical of political parties or leaders, but wishes to offer sincere help in establishing individual and world peace.

Here are some of my answers to the most frequently asked questions. Based upon my own personal experience and observation, they are not as informed and influential as a puzzled, anxious world would wish them to be. I therefore urge you to send your own answers, which I am prepared to place verbatim in the NEW YORK TIMES. I feel that this newspaper offers a responsible, far reaching forum for the presentation of your own view on the situation.

It is very difficult to understand the practical problems of governing any nation. In India, with its widely diversified population of 600 million, 14 major languages and 400 dialects, the problems are magnified a hundredfold. With so many differences in environment, climate, color, custom, caste, religious sects, political parties and leaders, the problems are so complex that it is not only hard for outsiders to understand, but also for the Indians themselves.

Under these conditions, it is an extraordinary tribute to India's leaders that democracy has been preserved since Independence. Mahatma Gandhi and Nehru, architects of Indian freedom and independence, and many other great leaders have been revered throughout India and the whole world. Indira Gandhi and others are now trying to bring unity to the scattered groups of people. Naturally there is opposition, which is an integral part of a democracy. However, in politics, as in other power structures, there are always troublemaking opponents who exploit the weakness and gullibility of the masses for their own selfish ends.

There are always three sides to every story: yours, mine and the truth. It is impossible to extract the truth in a relative world; the truth we can apprehend is only more or less the truth in relation to Absolute Truth, which is intangible. Under these circumstances, it is difficult to blame anybody, including Indira Gandhi or her government, for the present situation. Faced with internal and external anagonism, it is understandable when a responsible government takes necessary measures to try to keep a crisis under control.

In my own opinion and that of other observers, Mrs. Gandhi has no intention of prolonging the emergency, though it may be necessary for the time being. I have no doubt that, in the true spirit of Indian womanhood, she sincerely cares for her people and will restore the situation to normal very soon.

The current state of affairs does not imply dictatorship or the death of democracy in India. It is a well-timed jolt from the complacency and intoxication brought about by the years of freedom. Indians need this signal to warn them to work together democratically and peacefully, with more regard for individual and group discipline. It is also a warning to other democracies.

It will be of benefit so long as India's great leaders continue to think of the people and not of their own personal ends and power politics. It should bring some stability to the economy and to the poverty-stricken masses.

I feel that Mrs. Gandhi will free the opposition as soon as a stable situation is established. Opposition parties are the very heart of a democracy; with no opposition party there is no democracy. As Indira Gandhi herself is one of the freedom fighters of India, it is impossible to think that she would take this freedom away from her people. As teenagers in school, millions of us contributed in our own small way to India's independence and freedom. We all would like to see a united, prosperous, free India.

All power blinds and corrupts. Misuse results in negative karmic reactions like the Watergate explosion. Nobody in power should forget the law of cause and effect-karma, the Universal Law.

A strong democracy is able to withstand examination by the most critical press. In an emergency, censorship may be necessary to stabilize a country's agitation. However, to continue with censorship after an emergency is lifted can in no way enhance democracy. The truth will come to the surface no matter how elaborate the attempts to bury it. This is the great lesson of America's Watergate episode, which, but for the press, would never have been exposed.

A free press is a democratic peoples's voice. In India, where freedom is as cherished as anywhere else in the world, we feel sure that the people will reject censorship once the emergency is lifted. A few should not determine whether or not the press should be controlled. The very nature of a democracy is that decisions are made by the people.

In conclusion, I repectfully request your answers to these same questions. We shall place your letter, uncensored and unabridged, before a public anxious for your reassurance that the banner of freedom will still fly intact over India.

May God give you strength to see and follow the truth, and show a power-obsessed world how freedom should be upheld. In sincere hope that you will take this opportunity to show that a great world leader such as yourself is interested not only in the welfare of her own people, but in that of all freedom loving people of the world.

Yours in the service of the Lord,

Swami Vishnu Devananda
International Sivananda Yoga
Vedanta Centers
Val Morin, Quebec.

Gypsey conference held

By Our Correspondent

New Delhi: A three-day conference of gypsies was held in Chandigarh in March which discussed the origin and development of the Roma (gypsy) culture and its relationship with India.

The more than 50 gypsies who attended the conference were drawn from France, Spain, Britain, Hungary, Norway, Denmark and Finland. They were a group of beautiful women dressed in their traditional colourful clothes. India was chosen the venue of the conference in their attempt to revive their lost cultural contact. Gypsies are stated to have migrated from India hundreds of years ago following an early invasion of India from the north.

Several lakhs of gypsies are scattered in various part of the world. They all claim a common heritage and a cultural background. They speak a common language, the Roma language, which is more akin to the languages of the north India. The gypsies worship Goddess St. Sarah, which is said to be another version of Kali, an Hindu Goodess.

The Union Minister of State for Industry, A. P. Sharma, who inaugurated the conference pleaded for international action to improve the condition of the Roma people.

Clandestine activities curbed

New Delhi, May 13 (Samachar): With the fall of the non-Congress ministries in Tamil Nadu and Gujarat, the Centre has been able to acquire a firmer grip over the law and order situation in the country and is in a better position to curb the production of clandestine literature and other forms of underground activity.

According to Home Ministry sources, the DMK ministry in Tamil Nadu and the Janata Front regime in Gujarat had not only not enforced the emergency in their States but had encouraged covert and overt activities by banned organisations.

The two States had become the sanctuaries of some 'wanted leaders' who had been organising sabotage and disruption of vital communications. The State Governments had also winked at the production of prejudicial literature in many printing establishments and their circulation within and outside their States.

The sources said after the two States were brought under President's rule, the Centre had been able to come down heavily on these elements. The discovery of the dynamite case, "which seems to reveal a wide network of conspiracy in the country," is a case in point, it is stated.

Over 70 per cent of those taken into custody after the emergency have already been released. Only 30 per cent were still under detention, including many activists belonging to banned organisations.

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Asian studies in Canada

UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, VANCOUVER, B.C.

Chinese and Japanese studies are particularly strong, but South Asian studies are being developed and a beginning has been made in Southeast Asia. At present, there are forty faculty members who specialize on Asia, and nearly all of them offer course work in their fields of specialization. The Department of Asian Studies, headed by Professor E. G. Pulleyblank, offers programs in the pre-modern history of India. Asian Studies, undergraduates may take a major in one of the three areas studies programs (East, Southeast, or South Asia) which combine work in one of the disciplines including Sanskrit (limited tutorials are available in Bengali, Hindi, Marathi, Tamil, Telegu, and Urdu).

The university library has recently become a recipient of materials purchased in India with counterpart funds through the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY, BURNABY, B.C.

Course work on South Asia is being offered in the Department of Political Science, Anthropology and Sociology where there are five specialists on staff. Two years of Hindi are being taught in the Department of Modern Languages.

UNIVERSITY OF ALBERTA, EDMONTON, ALBERTA

Anthropology offers courses in the Culture and Society of India, while the Political Science Department offers courses in Asian Politics and Political Systems.

UNIVESITY OF CALGARY, CALGARY, ALBERTA

There are a number of South Asia specialists at this university, but only the History Department offers specific courses, one a lecture course and the other a seminar on modern Indian history. However, courses on Comparative Politics and Sociology concentrate heavily on India and there are graduate students writing M. A. theses in these fields.

UNIVERSITY OF MANITOBA, WINNIPEG, MANITOBA

Only two Asian specialists are on the staff, one in history and one in geography. There is a survey course on Asia since 1500, an honours course on British Indian history, and a graduate course on the Geography of India.

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO, TORONTO, ONTARIO

The Department of East Asian Studies, headed by Professor A. K. Warder, has, despite its name, a large concentration of Indologists (twelve in all). Languages taught include Vedic Sanskrit, Prakrit, Pali, Hindi and Tibetan. The department is also responsible for teaching Indian philosophy and Indian art and drama. Other departments which offer courses on Asia include History which provides instruction in the modern history of India; Political Economy (three Asian specialists), which offers courses dealing with the theory of economic development and econometrics with special reference to India and Southeast Asia; and Anothropology. The library has recently become a recipient of materials purchased in India with counter-part funds through the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.

YORK UNIVERSITY, TORONTO, ONTARIO

There is an informal coordinating committee on East Asian studies, while Professor K. Ishwaran acts as an informal coordinator for South and Southeast Asia. Professor Ishwaran also edits the Journal of Asian and African Studies.

McMASTER UNIVERSITY HAMILTON, ONTARIO

The main work on Asia has been carried on in the Department of Religion, which has four specialists in the fields of Indian religions and philosophy and about 25 graduate students doing degrees in these fields.

UNIVERSITY OF WATERLOO, WATERLOO, ONTARIO

The History Department offers semester courses on India.

UNIVERSITY OF WINDSOR, WINDSOR ONTARIO

There is a Department of Asian Studies headed by Professor J. W. Spellman. The department has been in existence for two years and now consists of five members. It concentrates on South and Southeast Asia. An introductory course in Hindi was initiated in the beginning of 1969. The Department also offers courses on the history, culture and politics of India, Southeast Asia and China, and in particular specializes in the field of Indian music, the only university in Canada to do so at present.

McGILL UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL QUEBEC

Instruction in South Asia takes place in the Departments of Anthropology, Economics, Islamic Studies, Political Science, Sociology, Urdu and Hindi language instruction is offered.

Professor Michael Brecher who is Head of the South Asia Program of the Center is also President of the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute whose Canadian offices are located at McGill. The McGill library, like those of Toronto and British Columbia, has recently become a recipient of materials purchased in India with counterpart funds through the Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute.

SIR GEORGE WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY, MONTREAL, QUEBEC

Opportunities for work at both the undergraduate and graduate (M.A. only) levels are provided by the Departments of Economics, History, Political Science, and Religion. Seven specialists on Asia are distributed between these departments, with the main focus on India.

Racism and school

The following are excerpts from the Final Report of the Work Group on Multicultural Programs of Toronto Board of Education.

Racism is an assault upon the human dignity of its victim. It is reprehensible and unjust, as it addresses itself to the destruction of the individual's right to live in peace at full liberty as a member of the human community.

There is only an infinitesimal segment of society who exhibit pathologically blatant racism. There is also a larger segment of society for whom racism is associated with classism and attitudes of cultural superiority. However, for the majority of people, particularly white Canadians, racism is buried deep in the unconscious and they are unaware of the condition, and it manifests itself in involuntary and unintentional prejudicial responses.

Under certain stress conditions such as those presently with us of inflation and unemployment, unconscious discrimination can become active prejudice, which in turn leads to the ugliest forms of racism. For these reasons, education institutions should support and initiate efforts to eliminate it. One group stated in its reponse to the Draft Report of the Work Group that the eradication of racism through the development of sensitivity and awareness should be recognized as the primary goal of education. To ignore any manifestations of racism, however slight, is to nourish and support it.

It is evident that while the elimination of racism is everybody's affair, it is the specific business of education to confront it squarely and to do everything in its power to prevent it from rooting itself either in the school institution or in the personalities of its students.

Insofar as schools act as major instruments for behavioural conditioning within our society, the link between the personal quality of sensitivity in teachers and in other school system staff and the eradication of racism in society is clearly evident.

Racism or racial prejudice cannot be dealt with in the subconscious; there must be opportunities to bring the problem to the area of consciousness in order to deal with it reasonably. If there are no opportunities to explore and eventually recognize racism, there is no possibility for bringing unconscious racist attitudes to the surface in a positive creative endeavour to confront and abolish such attitudes. Understanding cannot begin without conscious recognition of racist attitudes. This makes it evident that there is a pressing need for opportunities for staff to explore their own feelings, bring them to the level of consciousness and to deal with them reasonably.

Recommendations

1. An in-service program be developed to provide teaching, and where appropriate, non-teaching staff with opportunities for attitudinal and sensitivity development, and practical suggestions for dealing with incidents of racism in the schools.
2. Leadership for such in-service programs be explored within and without the system, that staff be actively encouraged to participate in such programs and that regular schedules for such programs be established.
3. Funding for such in-service development be explored with other levels of government.
4. The Board seek the cooperation of the Ontario Human Rights Commission in the establishment of a committee to develop methods for handling accusations of racism.
5. When incidents of racism occur among the student body, those incidents should not be ignored, but should become a focus for discussion and subsequent learning.
6. The issue of racism be a topic for school discussion, and that a program be developed for integration into the regular school program.
7. The Director explore the feasibility of establishing a Mental Health Referral Service for all employees.

Transformation of foreign trade

The last decade has brought about a tremendous change in India's foreign trade. The transformation not only resulted in the growing value and volume of trade but also significantly altered the qualitative content of India's exports and imports in so far as commodities and directions are concerned.

The export promotion, which is an integral part of the national endeavour of economic development and had started gaining momentum during the Third Plan Period witnessed a steady and gradual improvement during the last one decade. The exports, which were worth rupees 9,160 million in 1964-65 have crossed the rupees 33,000 million mark in 1974-75. Imports have also increased from rupees 13,490 million in 1964-65 to rupees 43,490 million in 1974-75. The increase during the decade thus has been four-fold in the field of exports and three-fold in imports. The growth trend continued during the current financial year as well. The cumulative figure of exports during the first ten months of 1975-76 was rupees 30,230.2 million as compared to rupees 26,159.6 million in the corresponding months of the preceding year indicating a rise of 15.6 per cent. The figure of imports during this period was rupees 42,586.4 million as compared to rupees 35,981.6 million in the corresponding months of 1974-75 indicating a rise of 18.4 per cent.

The rise in India's exports during the current financial year has so far been at the rate of around 15 per cent. This expansion to be seen in the background of over a 100 per cent increase realised during the last three years. India's exports have increased from rupees 16,080 million in 1971-72 to rupees 33,040 million in 1974-75.

NEW FOREIGN MARKETS

An integral part of the export strategy is the exploration of foreign markets. In recent few years, efforts were made to penetrate into new markets besides improving upon the existing ones. These efforts resulted in India's entry into almost all regions of the world especially the develping countries of Asia Africa and Latin America.

During the last decade East European countries have emerged as important trading partners of India. From almost negligible level in the early fifties, Indias exports to East Europe totalled rupees 1,440 million in 1964-65 and reached a figure of rupees 6,810 million in 1974-75. This amounts to an increase of 372 per cent.

To ESCAP countries also the rise in exports during the decade was over 412 per cent from rupees 1,770 million in 1964-65 to rupees 9,060 million in 1974-75.

The recent trends indicate that there has been a sizable spurt in exports to the Gulf countries, African countries and Latin American countries. Today

DIVERSIFICATION

The decade has witnessed a spectacular development in the industrial infrastructure of the country resulting in diversification of exportable items. Today India is in a position to export highly sophisticated equipment, capital goods, consultancy services and turn-key projects. India's engineering goods are now becoming increasingly popular in world markets. The exports of such goods have sharply increased to rupees 3,530 million in 1974-75 as against rupees 140 million in 1964-65. These include machine tools, locomotives, textile machinery, sugar mill machinery, transmission towers, transformers, diesel engines, trucks etc. the exports of these engineering goods have been under tough competition with the developed countries. This change-over of export trade from tradition goods like jute, tea, coffee to non-traditional items like engineering goods has put India on the industrial map of the world.

NEW TIMES

Iron ore is another item, which has entered in foreign markets in a big way. From exports of 370 million in 1964-65 it has gone up to rupees 1,600 million in 1974-75.

In the field of leather, exports are gradually being shifted from raw hides and skins to finished leather and manufactures. The exports of these items have also risen significantly from rupees 270 million in 1964-65 to rupees 1,450 million in 1974-75.

New items, which have entered in the export markets, are sugar, cement, basmati rice and marine products. The exports of mill-made cotton textiles, handloom, handicrafts, chemicals, oil cakes, synthetic fibre, fabrics have also increased during the decade.

With a view to promoting the country's export trade in an organised and systematic manner, a series of measures were taken during the last ten year.

QUALITY CONTROL

A statutory body, the Export Inspection Council of India was set up under the Export (Quality Control and Inspection) Act 1963 for the introduction and enforcement of quality control and compulsory pre-shipment inspection of exportable commodities. Almost the entire gamut of export trade now comes under the purview of this Council which has helped in projecting a better image of the Indian merchandise abroad. The Indian Institute of Foreign Trade was set up for promotional studies of overseas markets. It suggested measures for accelerating exports and for providing training to the Government and private personnel in international trade.

Other major organisations set up during the decade for export promotion are: Trade Development Authority, Indian Institute of Packaging, Jute Corporation, Tea Trading Corporation, Cotton Corporation, Marine Products Development Authority, Cashew Corporation, Santa Cruz Export Processing Zone, Kandla Free Trade Zone, Project and Equipment Corporation, Mica Trading Corporation and Export Credit and Guarantee Corporation and Tobacco Board.

Toronto Torso Trial continues

by Thomas Claridge

A tearful witness told a Supreme Court trial that three accused murderers once approached her armed with a sword, saw and iron bar and threatened to 'make shish kabab of your pieces.

Kirtan Kaur Chatwal, 40, said her life was saved only by the intervention of another woman who successfully pleaded for the trio to 'have mercy' on the recent arrival from New Delhi.

Miss Chatwal told the court the threat to her life came 10 days after her arrival in Toronto - 10 days during which she was kept in the basement of a North York house owned by one of the accused, Harbhajan Singh Math. the other two, Harbhajan's brother Harmohinder and Harmohinder's wife Paramjit, were living in the house at the time with their two young children.

The three were charged with murder after the disappearance last September of Santosh Kumari Bali, and the discovery several days later of a dismembered torso and a severed leg the Crown alleges were from Mrs. Bali's body.

Medical witnesses have testified that the dismemberment was done with a sharp knife-like instrument and a saw.

Miss Chatwal testified that a dispute over $300.00 led to the threats on her life.

She said Harmohinder Math came to her in the basement carrying a sharp kirpan, a sword considered a religious symbol by most Sikhs, and warned that he would use it to 'cut you right now. I will cut off your head...'

Harbhajan had followed his brother downstairs and demanded whether she would stop crying. Dissatisfied with her reponse, he had said: 'We will murder you right now.'

The witness testified that Paramjit then arrived with a carpenter's saw in her hand and gave it to Harbhajan with the remark that they would 'finish this woman right now.'

Paramjit then had picked up an iron rod and swung it at her, cutting her midriff.

Miss Chatwal said that when she started screaming, Janeen Leeds, a friend of Harbhajan, arrived and pleaded: 'Don't kill her. Send her back to India. Have mercy.'

She said Miss Leeds warned that if they killed their adversary s/he would 'tell everything to the police.'

After a long argument the Maths finally agreed to drive her to the airport but en route had threatened to drown her in Lake Ontario.

Miss Chatwal's testimony was that after being left at the airport she elected to return to Toronto and seek out an acquaintance. She told of spending brief periods with several Indian families before returning to India Nov. 2, 1974.

During her stay here she had gone to police, but only about the $300.00 in U.S. currency which she said Harbhajan Math had taken with a promise to convert it into Canadian funds. She told the courts police refused to press theft charges because 'there was no witness'.

During cross-examination by three defence lawyers she maintained that during the 10 days in the Math house she got little or no food and once tried eating paper and sand from the basement floor. 'Would you believe that?' she asked rhetorically.

"No," replied David Humphrey, lawyer for Harbhajan Math.

Mr. Humphrey asked why she had not simply run from the house and called for help.

"I was helpless - no money, no clothers ... I never knew the way, also," she replied. "I was thinking for myself to be killed all the time."

Mr Humphrey submitted that Harbhajan had suggested she be taken to the airport where he would return the money and that she had demanded that Harmohinder accompany them as a witness. She disagreed.

However, she did admit that she had never told police about the threats to her life and she was hard pressed to explain why she had stayed in Canada for three months, finally conceding: "I wanted to see Canada."

Earl Levy, counsel for Harmohinder Math, drew out the fact that in at least two letters written to a rich uncle in India after the alleged threats to her life Miss Chatwal said nothing derogatory about his clien:.

Miss Chatwal testified that Harmohinder Math told his wife to search a suitcase containing her clothes and valuables and to remove everything.

She said that as the effect were being removed Mrs. Math warned her: "Stop crying. If you tell any person we have taken your stuff we shall kill you. . . We shall put you before the dogs."

She had also been told: "We have murdered so many people in this basement, in England and in India — anyone who speaks against our law . . ."

Miss Chatwal was one of two witnesses who described coming to Canada on visitors visas with assurances that Harbhajan Math would clear them with Canadian Immigration. The other witness, Armorpal Singh Karcer, testified tat he was deported when he refused to pay Harbhajan Math $500 before getting the promised clearance.

Miss Chatwal, who said she had a BA in English from Punjab University and had been working for an Indian Government service, testified that she came to Canada in July, 1974, landing in Montreal.

She said that after spending a few days in Montreal she phoned the Math house but was told by Paramjit that she shouldn't proceed immediately to Toronto because her brother-in-law was too busy to receive her.

The witness said Harbhajan was described to her as "a very important person. . . He is the private secretary of Prime Minister Trudeau and he has five cars."

Harbhajan told her a similar story when he eventually picked her up at Toronto International Airport but they drove to Burnett Avenue in a Volkswagen, she said.

Miss Chatwal told the jury of eight women and four men that when she arrived at the house she was taken to the basement and given a bed with no mattress.

She said she was forced to write letters to a rich uncle saying that Harbahajan Math had spent $1,000 bribing immigration officials on her behalf and that more money was needed.

She said to Maths also warned her against leaving the basement "or I would be deported."

"... I was not given anything to eat. I was badly treated, like a slave."

At one point in her testimony she suggested that Paramjit Math "instigated Harmohinder Singh.

" but later she described Harmohinder as having joined in a warning that if she didn't stop crying "we shall murder you right now."

The testimony was in sharp contrast to that of another Crown witness who described Harmohinder and Paramjit Math as members of a Sikh sect which preached non-violence. Joginder Singh Saini, 51, said both were vegetarians who would not condone the killing of animals.

Mr. Saini described Harmohinder as a manufacturer in India who employed 14 or 15 persons and was "a respected man there."

In his testimony, Mr. Karcer suggested that while he had been maltreated by Harmohinder and his wife most of his problems had been with Harbhajan.

He said Harbhajan Math forced him to dig out the basement of the Burnett Avenue house and at one point threatened him in Punjabi: "If you will not become a man and behave I will make a salad out of you."

Police witnesses who testified at the trial of three people accused of murdering Santosh Kumari Bali said two of the three initially denied knowing the victim, but changed their stores after being charged.

The witnesses said Harmohinder Singh Math and his wife paramjit insisted they had never met Mrs. Bali when they were interviewed on two occasions on Sept. 18 before being charged with conspiracy to commit murder.

The Supreme Court trial was told the first admission that the couple did know Mrs. bali was made by Mrs. Math when she was interviewed in Punjabi by Constable Rajinder Singh Sidhu, a Metro Toronto Police officer.

Constable Sidhu said that after warning Mrs. Math that she was charged, he showed her a picture of Mrs. Bali and asked whether Mrs. Math recognized her.

"Yes. She used to come to our house," he quoted her as replying. Later in the interview, she had remarked that she had been told only that day that Mrs. Bali was dead "and I was surprised."

The constable testified that when he confronted Harmohinder Math with his wife's admission he briefly stuck to a story that he knew nothing, but later said he had lied because he was afraid of his wife.

Constable Sidhu said that when he interviewed the third accused, Harmohinder's brother Harbhajan, he admitted some knowledge of the woman but described her as a "50-year-old, ugly woman" who had come to his house only occasionally.

The constable testified that Harbhajan Math also denied knowledge of any murder and insisted: "She is in Montreal."

The three were charged when a torso and a severed leg were discovered several days after Mrs. Bali disappeared from the North York home where he had worked as a housekeeper.

Earlier another police witness told of a brief conversation with paramjit Math while she was being driven to 52 Division Station Sept. 18 to be released from custody by a justice of the peace.

Sgt. Donald Madigan said that during the trip, Mrs. Math asked him whether he believed her husband "did it."

"I said, 'Yes, I do,' " Sgt. Madigan told the jury of eight women and four men.

He said that when Mrs. Math asked when he believed the murder was committed, he had replied: Over the weekend (of Sept. 13-14, 1975).

He said Mrs. Math had responded: "I don't think he do it. He was with me all the time. We went out shopping Friday and Saturday night and he was with me all the time."

Sgt. Madigan said that when he expressed his disbelief at her statement she insisted: "I tell you the whole truth."

When he had reminded her of the earlier denials of even knowing Mrs. Bali, she had replied: "I'm sorry, I'm sorry. I tell you the truth now."

Rajin Kumar Bali, 22, son of the dead woman testified that Harbhajan Singh Math, one of the defendents urged his mother and him to leave New Delhi, in 1974. During this period Mrs. Bali operated a real estate business in New Delhi. She met Mr. Math when he purchased a piece of land from her.

Mr. Bali had been present during the negotiations for the purchase as he was unemployed and he said Math encouraged them to come to Canada and offered to arrange the immigration upon their arrival. Mr. Bali was not interested in coming to Canada even when Math returned in 1975 and tried to induce him with the prospects of a business making Indian garments here.

Mr. Bali was flown from India to Canada to testify in the case. He said Math borrowed Rs. 2,200 and that he held back the 5 percent commission on the land purchase promising to repay both sums upon Mrs. Bali's arrival.

The witness had a phone call two weeks before Mrs. Bali's disappearance and he described her as very depressed. The Canadian immigration promised did not materialize and Mrs. Bali was staying in Canada illegally.

It is generally thought she was murdered when she threatened to stop paying for the concealment of her illegal stay.

The body was identified as being Mrs. Bali's by several people. Her son testified that the scar on the torso was the same as he saw on his mother when she wore some saries. A pediatrician testified that a shoe taken from Mrs. Bali's house had been worn by the foot found in a trash can. He said the foot crease matched a crack in the heel of the shoe. Dr. Jame Ferris, a pathologist said in court that Mrs. Bali had been strangled. He based this on bruises found on the neck and blood found in the lungs of the torso.

The bones, Dr. J.W.A. Duckworth, an anatomy professor of the University of Toronto, examined were from a 35-45 year old woman "probably a person of Eastern origin".

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BAROOD
DIRECTED BY PRAMOD CHAKRAVARTY

Success is a goal with which Pramod Chakravarty is obviously not prepared to take any chances. As in the past he sees to it that the ingredients necessary to evoke mass appeal are all there. And he puts his own experience as producer and director to good commercial use in his latest venture.

In LOVE IN TOKYO, he found a formula: spin an apology of a story around exotic locales, plant an element of conflict between young lovers and bring them back together in happy reconciliation. The pattern is repeated in BAROOD with some difference in the story line. It is the fashions of Paris and New York and the feel of Spain and Switzerland that matter in BAROOD, the actors and their acting providing an excuse for foreign sounds and sights. this technique is not new even among Indian films. Raj Kapoor's SANGAM, Pachli's AROUND THE WORLD, Devanand's PREM PUJARI, Ramanand Sagar's DO AANKHEN and now CHARAS, Shakti Samanta's EVENING IN PARIS and Manoj Kumar's PURAB AUR PASCHCHIM, to name a few. BAROOD may claim the maximum foreign shooting footage among Hindi films, which however puts it more in the 'tourist class' than in the category of featured drama.

The story is a blatantly rigged game of revenge, a young man wanting to kill the smuggler-killers of his father, an upright police official. He follows the criminals to foreign lands and does away, one by one, with all of them but their leader. This one is settled in Spain under efficient protection. So our youngster kidnaps his teenage daughter studying in France and imprisons her incommunicado in mid-ocean. Then follows a battle of wits between the private detective, an Indian at that, engaged by the girl's father, and the revenge-seeker. There is finally a confrontation between these latter near a bull fight arena, and an autochase to boot. The girl's father is killed in an accident, the lovers unite and the benign detective can do nothing but to bless the couple.

Rishi Kapoor, the youngster out for vendetta, owes his popularity to his youthful zest. But his leading lady, newcomer Shoma Anand has neither the figure, the face, the voice, nor the presence to match Kapoor. Reena Roy in her small role as the secretary to the smuggler-killer-chief is appealing. But the dumb doll that Shoma looks is not the popular notion of a young girl from lycee in Paris. There are plenty of car and motor bike chases, more perhaps than in any Indian film so far, but they do not somehow turn out to be as spectacular as Chakravarty intends them to be.

Ashok Kumar's role as a detective could have developed into something memorable given some more scope, but then the director opted in favour of Rishi Kapoor's 'exploits' in a house boat and on the roads. Ajit lives upto his screen reputation of a gross, crammy character. But the liveliest moment in the film is when Dharmendra and Hema Malini make an unannounced appearance as husband and wife belonging to different castes, and regions, to send the audience into peels of laughter.

At several points in the film, continuity becomes a casualty. A person in New York is shown reading the Sunday edition of the Indian Express to get the latest news on international crime. The list of such strains on credibility can be lengthened. The sights in BAROOD may be new, the errors are old.

DARSHAK in Democratic World

MAUSAM
Direction, Lyrics and dialogue by Gulzar

There was a time when Gulzar could not do without some foreign film to adapt from or to be inspired by. And he used to cast his net wide — eg. **The Sound of Music, Death of Engelschen (Czech), Happiness of Us Alone (Japanese)** and so on. So it was a major change when he attempted a Hindi re-make of Bengali **Apan Jan (Mere Apne)** and based his **Khushboo** on a Bengali novel. **Mausam** is also without a foreign prop. Its narrative style is similar to **Aandhi's flashback** technique, with a crisscrossing of the past and the present which is apparently intended to cover up the gaps in the recital.

Mausam has conventional as well as novel aspects, with the former preponderant. The story is pretty ordinary and begins with a mild affair between a visiting medical student and an innocent village girl. He promises to marry her but forgets all about it. She weds in due course a local man and bears him a daughter. He dies and she turns mad — but longs in her madness for her first love.

What is less conventional by Hindi film standards is the return of the former medical student to the village some twenty years after. His memories revive, he looks in vain for the woman he loved but now dead; and seeks to expiate his 'lapse of memory' by trying to rescue her daughter, an angel fallen into the oldest of professions. It is his attempt at retrieval and her resistance which form the fulcrum of the film and lards an otherwise listless narration with some excitement.

Gulzar is good, at times superb, in creating characters teetering on the edge of personal crisis. **Parichay, Aandhi** and now **Mausam** bear witness to this talent. But the moral passion that Sanjeev Kumar shows in reforming the slut is more than what one expects from a normal human being which is the role he plays. And we do not glimpse any element of self revelation in the process of making amends for his original sin of forgetfullness. This shortcoming cannot be overcome by Sanjeev Kumar's professional experience or his capacity to express deeper emotions through glances or gestures. Unlike in **Sholay** where his deft underplaying stood out in contrast with the acting style of Dharmendra and Amitabh Bachchan, in **Mausam** he has no foil and his very subtlety appears overdrawn and therefore rather out of focus.

Sharmila Tagore acts the prostitute, the third time in her career if one remembers right. She is playful, full of energy and appeal but yet not as convincing as say, Hema Malini in her element.

Dina Pathak as the brothel head pleasantly surprises with her controlled expression and artistic restraint. She surpasses Shvama, an old hand at this role. Madan Mohan's musical score lacks the lilt he is famous for. The background music, scored by another, does not go well with the rural backdrop. Gulzar's narration is uneven — he attempts to fill the gaps in the story by verbal explanations turning inevitably futile and even tending to rob the film of clarity. One can pick other holes — eg. Sanjeev Kumar hardly turns his steering wheel while driving through what we are expected by the back projection to believe as a zig zag route.

Jyotiprasad Agarwala's
JOYMOTI (Assamese)

Jyotiprasad Agarwala's contribution to the Indian cinema may not be as great as that of P.C. Barua, another Assamese film maker of another era. Nor could it be called a pioneering one but he made, in 1934, a memorable film, Joymoti. As in the case of many earlier Indian films, no complete negative or positive print of Joymoti is available, due to the hazards of preserving the zinc celluloid. But some of Jyotiprasad's friends have collected scattered bits of the film, partly worn out, and knocked them together to make of it a smal feature. The main impression left when this film was shown last week in Delhi, was the extent of change that has taken place between now and the early thirties. Of this the technical drawbacks are only one aspect. . . Even more telling is the camera consciousness of the people posing for the movie. Thus a bevy of shy girls hide their faces, turn to each other and laugh as if the whole show were a joke and then, peep all of a sudden straight into the lense in all seriousness.

Taken as a whole, the recreated film does not do full justice to Jyotiprasad's versatile calibre. This was brought out by the documentary Rupkunwar Jyotiprasad. It is remarkable how in a short career he could do so much to promote art in its many fields — poetry, music and drama.

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The film should be placed well below its advertised merit.

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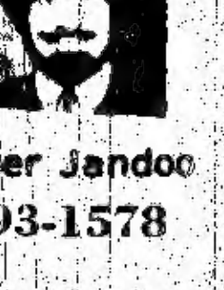

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Indian advertisements:audiovisual

By Manjula Parakot

Advertising being the backbone of all business enterprises, the Indian community here in Toronto is subjected to a variety of advertisements and commercials that blare at them in English, Hindi, Bengali and punjabi from radios or look them squarely in the eye from TV screens and community newspapers - all promising, coaxing, highlighting and tripping over each other in a frantic effort to supersede the others in excellence and bargains. Needless to say, they hold a distinct naivety and charm, projecting the rather disarming simplicity of the community they serve.

First of all there are the movie commercials, spiced generously with superlatives, sometimes bordering on absurdity. I would hesitate to quote examples for fear of injuring some ingenious egos, but regular listeners of our multifarious radio programs in Toronto will know just what I mean. Bargain offers like "two movies in one ticket" or "see old-time hit — just for $1.50" are simply irresistible, especially to Indian ladies who in an attempt to re-live their exciting college days, cajole or coerce their better halves to accompany them, only to find themselves viewing reel-after-reel of clipped and multilated old print. Then there are the "super-super-hits", "record-breakers", "award-winners" and "box-office bonanzas", all of which never fail to attract homesick crowds to endure two and a half hours of suggestive romance, nauseating villany and ludicrous emotional scenes, all well seasoned with ear-splitting music. I confess that I too am a happy victim of this film mania.

Next on the list follows the grocery stores and sari shops all announcing to the public their products, employing the method of tuning commercials to popular film hits (technically known as jingles). "Lali Vij", specializes in this variety, penning the lyrics himself and producing some very interesting and humorous compositions. They range from "Bombay bazaar tu har lajawab" (groceries), "Usna beauty ka naam ne lay tu" (saris)), to "Jab murga baang dera hai to sari sale lagte hai" and "Dough delight ke roteela ko khake zera jhoom". Strangely enough, shopping in many an Indian household is largely influenced by these commercials.

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Following in hot pursuit are the real estate agents, life insurance, local jewellers, film magazines ("chutpate aur masaledar jhalkeyan padheye" - Star & Style) and newspapers, all rolling off the commercial discs in computerized precision, relentlessly interrupting movies and shows and usurping precious minutes that could otherwise be devoted to film songs.

With all due respect to the subscribers concerned, I would like to add a few comments on the classified section of Indian newspapers. Matrimonial ads have resulted in many a blissful union as well as some unexpected adventures. Human virtues are extolled (vegetarianism, teetotalism, health, versatility, youthfulness, clean shavenness, etc.) all options are for the fair and beautiful (one wonders what happens to the plain Janes), financial status is highlighted, religious and caste barriers magnanimously thrown to the winds, while bold unconventional ones look forward to "modern relationships" with eventual marriages. This system of marriage promotion certainly appears an effective substitute for the computer dating service.

Can we expect changes to be introduced into this viral and effective publicity media? Statistics indicate that public response to these commercials range between 75 per cnet and 80 per cent. I would assume that on an average 60 to 70 commercials are broadcast (this includes both audio and visual). Perhaps with improved finances, more sophisticated technique could be employed to improve quality and content. As the resources of the community increase, the demand for commercials should rise sharply and our publicity media, I am sure, will adapt itself accordingly.

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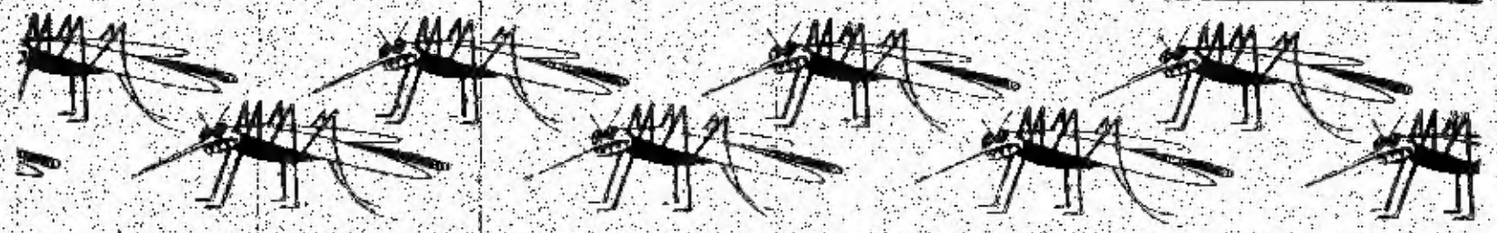

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From the Himalayas to the Rockies

By Manjula Parake.

The above feature, as its title may suggest, is neither a tourist-promotion bonanza nor a run-of-the-mill documentary, nor is it a fictitious by-product of a play-wright's imagination. Rather it is a true story - yours and mine, unfolded in stages, very authentic in its presentation, quite simple in content, yet possessed of a magnetism that held the audience spellbound. This multi-media (slides, films and a short three act play) presentation was staged by "Prabasi" on May 8, 1976, to celebrate the 115th birth anniversary of the celebrated poet laureate Rabindranath Tagore. Prabasi was aided in this venture by a grant from the Department of the Secretary of State.

This true-to-life drama pivoted around an Indian immigrant Surjit Sen, his life in Calcutta culminiating in post graduation as an MSc in Mathematics and the subsequent phase of unemployment. Then one day the young man hears of Canada "the land of opportunities' and forwards an aplication to the Canadian high Commission at New Delhi. He succeeds in obtaining "the Grade A stamp" and leaves for Toronto. Once in this vast metropolis, he undergoes the usual unhappy and frustrating experiences at finding "some kind of a job" for a start. Later he finds employment in his own line of interest, goes home and marries a girl of his parents' choice and settles down to a "seemingly comfortable and secure life". At this stage in life, the young man is confronted with a problem. Should he return to his land of birth after a few years, or should be burn his boats and adopt Canada as his future? - a dilemma that most immigrants are faced with, an issue that crops up repeatedly among individuals, a question to which there is no standard answer.

Act I concentrates on a typical middle-class family in India where the father is the sole earning source and faced with his impending retirement from service. He welcomes the idea of his son immigrating to Canada. His wife, over-protective and anxious rejects the scheme. Using a very refreshing technique of short scenes of 3-5 minute duration and crisp colloquial Bengali, the actors relay to the audience the confused and complex reactions of Surjit's family. His sister is worried whether he will end up marrying a "mem", his mother is afraid he will be led astray and forget them all. His practical father is solaced by the thought of the dollars he can earn and the bright future that awaits him there. His close friend reasons out "Tumar aye shob kora uchheeth noi" (what you are doing is not right). How many of us can easily identify ourselves with Surjit and his relatives!

From a very moving scene at Dum Dum Airport, the setting shifts to Toronto and the inevitable asylum of all new-comers - a bachelor friend's apartment amidst welcoming company. In this act, the humour is delightfully pungent. Surjit's friends are Shyamal who is immature but with a keen sense of humour, Bikash who is suave, confident and well settled and Ajoy who "has been laid off so many times" that he is "akdum fed-up". Ajoy decides to concentrate on making a few "hazaar dollars" to convert them to lakhs of rupees and return to India. He recommends to his friends "H.B's $1 to Rs 10 exchange service"!

Surjit's interviews with various firms highlight very effectively an immigrant's trauma in convincing hesitant employers. The inevitable glib questions that are asked are "Have you any Canadian experience?", "Why did you choose to come to Canada?" or "Sorry no openings", we'll call you," until finally Surjit at the end of his tethers retorts during one interview "Those promises made by the Canadian government, are all your promises a fraud"? The ensuing dialogue between the Interviewer, his assembly line chief and the foreman were real eye-openers. For instance the interviewer's conversation with the assembly line chief ran as follows:

Interviewer: "Smith, the vacancy is just filled by a Surjit Sen. We can get away with the minimum wage. No, he doesn't appear to be a trouble maker".

Or again, the Interviewer to the Foreman "Ed, a Surjit Sen will report for work tomorrow."

Foreman: "What's his name again?"

Interviewer: "Surjit Sen. No! No! not Send. It's Sen. Sen. Look Ed call him Sach or something. I don't care".

Surjit's intense relief on securing the job and his reactions were excellently portrayed.

The four friends' encounter with a drunk in a pub was hilarious. Drunk walks up to their table and says "Why you four little pigs! Why don't you eat beef. Oh its your holy cow. Why aren't you wearing those turbans?" The friends ignore him while the waitress threatens to call the bouncer in. The drunk staggers out and the four in typical Indian fashion, immediately after the incident begin to argue that they should have retorted and not remained as passive listeners.

Domesticity was the underlying theme in Act III. Surjit marries Monideepa who to relieve her boredom and nostalgia for home and relatives enrolls at George Brown College for a keypunch course and looks forward to a "chakri" (job) as a keypunch operator. The Sens settle down and one evening at a house warming party, the inevitable questions come into the limelight. Ajoy decides to go back to India while Bikash, who has married a Canadian girl Mary, chooses Canada and Surjit like so many of us, finds himself enmeshed in "this golden cage" and as the prologue emphasized, "poorer in a grander scale", torn between dual loyalties and unable to find the right answer to his dilemma.

Although most of the cast did justice to their respective roles, I found that Surjit's father (A.C. Chaudhuri), Surjit (Rathin Ghosh) and Ajoy (Subhas Roy) gave outstanding performances. The interviewer played by David Abromowitz did his part creditably. The Toronto Ensemble Theatre Group actively participated in staging this drama. This strictly amateur group has a multi-racial membership. They enact plays, mostly social dramas, written by playwrights from all over the world. They have staged Tagore's "Sacrifice" in Toronto at Winchesky Centre. Their participation in the above-mentioned drama gave it an added distinction.

Since the scenes were very short, I felt that some kind of an arrangement to avoid time lapses between scenes in the second and third acts would have further enhanced the show. Otherwise, the approach taken by the director was very effective and for a group of amateurs, the results were indeed professional.

The lion's share of the credit for initiating this project however goes to Dibyendu Ghosh who made a brilliant start on the script, but due to unfortunate circumstances was unable to complete it. However, thankfully he was able to attend the show and view his brainchild on the stage, since Rathin Ghosh who took over the script was able to competently complete it.

To sum it up, this thought-provoking autobiography highlighted a number of things. Contrary to local belief, it is not the hungry, illiterate, have-nots of India that find their way into Canada, but the educated and unemployed middle-class who are constantly on the lookout for greener pastures.

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Delightful musical evening with Hemant Kumar

By V. R. Harwalker

Residents of Ottawa, particularly those originating from the Indian sub-continent, were fortunate to be treated to a delightful and enjoyable musical evening with Hemant Kumar and his associates. The program was organized by 'Deshantari' who deserve to be congratulated for their effort in arranging a program of this calibre.

Hemant Kumar set a pleasant mood for the evening with a song in Bengali by Rabindranath Tagore. The moving and melodious rendering was a fitting tribute to the great poet-laureate on the occasion of his brithday. The richness of mood was felt by all, though perhaps to a lesser extent by those who do not understand Bengali language. He then proceeded to delight his audience for over two hours by singing several of the all time favourites; particularly notable were those from film Nagin, Anaarkali and Sidharth. To many it was a nostalgic trip to the past.

Hemant Kumar's biggest asset is his melodious voice which has remained youthful over the years. Without the benefit of an elaborate orchestra he kept his audience captivated. He provided variety in styles of singing by incorporating in between film songs a number of so-called private songs and few songs in Bengali. The songs in Bengali and those based on semi-classical tunes were particularly suited to show his versatility.

The accompanyment was ably provided by Sunit Chatterji on tabla and by Amar Dutta on Manjeera. During the first half, due to difficulties in loudspeaker arrangement, the tabla appeared dominant. This was corrected after the intermission. The Manjeera player was very good but his style was distracting to some.

The artists tried to give their best to a generally appreciative audience by complying to several requests of popular songs. They succeeded to a large extent as evidenced by audience participation by clapping on several occasions. However, there were a few among the audience who shouted for Hindi songs only or who kept on talking during the program, exhibiting not only impoliteness and inconsideration to others, but lack of appreciation for good music which could not be confined to the narrow limits of any one language.

The whole program, though short of being spectacular, provided entertainment of a very high calibre. It is hoped that we will soon have another opportunity to enjoy their music. Over 700 persons attended the program.

U.N. conference on Settlements

By Bharat P. Mathur

The world population is expected to double in the next 30 years, thus adding another 3,500 million people to the human family. This will mean the building of an equivalent of 3,500 cities of one million each. And today there are fewer than 300 cities on the globe with one million inhabitants.

Canada itself (more than three times the size of India but with a population of only 22.60 million, 26½ times less than India's 600 million) will need eight cities of the size of Vancouver to accommodate a net growth of eight million anticipated in 30 years.

Cities, towns and villages, particularly in the developing countries, are already in a state of crisis, having failed to provide the basic facilities and amenities of life. Moreover, other human settlement problems, like unemployment, congestion, pollution, inadequate transportation, social alienation and crime increase, are all mounting at a rapid rate everywhere.

TOWARDS URBANISATION

The growing trend towards urbanisation, i.e. mass migration of people from rural areas to live in urban communities, has created new pressures on human environment. A world of problems now faces mankind in the fast-expanding larger cities and towns — work, food, water, shelter, energy and transport.

These are some of the challenges of tomorrow that Habitat, the U. N. Conference on Human Settlements due to be held in Vancouver in British Columbia from May 31 to June 11 next, will be called upon to deliberate on and devise solutions of. Representatives from the 140 member nations will come together to grapple with these issues of no mean magnitude. It will be the first U. N. meet to be hosted by Canada.

The man-made environment was one of the topics of discussion at the Conference on Human Environment held in Stockholm in 1972, but it became apparent that this subject was too complex to be dealt with properly there. So, a formal proposal was made for a separate Human Settlements Conference, invited by Canada to be held in Vancouver.

EMPHASIS ON SOLUTIONS

The main conference itself will bring together delegates, observers, officials and journalists from all the member countries and will be the largest ever sponsored by the U.N. It will differ from the traditional conferences in that it will place special emphasis on solutions.

The conference will aim at encouraging greater public awareness of settlement problems among the member nations and may establish several new programs of international cooperation in these fields the way the Stockholm Conference did for environment.

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Kitchen Korner

By Pranati Sengupta

Ground rules for buying cosmpolitan birds - Part 1

Chicken is almost without question the most versatile protein food surpassing any other meat, fish or poultry. It can be simple or elegant and adapts marvelously well to a multitude of flavours from around the world. Are there things you've always wanted to know about chicken but didn't know whom to ask? You're not alone. There are 23 different poultry features in the market. Count 'em. Odds are that you didn't realize so many different types and cuts of poultry existed. And these 23 features represent only a portion of the many fine poultry selections available at our Canadian supermarkets. Take a look at chicken. Stores offer fresh, frozen, canned and precooked chicken selections. Don't be confused by the variety of names. To select chicken wisely, you must not only recognize the various kinds and cuts of chicken but also know the best cooking methods for each. You should know before buying chicken how it would be cooked. To a great extent the method of cooking chickens depends on its age and weight. There are only six basic classes for fresh or frozen whole chickens. Other types you see and buy are only variations of these basic six.

Cornish Hens are the smallest members of the chicken family (4 to 5 weeks old, weighing 1 to 1½ pounds) and they are my favorite ones. They have very tender meat and are best cooked when roasted on rotisserie. They are delicious for your tandoori chicken. use 400 F. for about 1 to 1½ hours for the whole chicken.

Broilers are very young birds with smooth thin skin and tender muscles. They have a small amount of fat under the skin over the back, and a flexible, tipped breast bone of about 1 to 2½ pounds. They are the next best for your tandoori chicken. Broiling chicken needs basting each time it is turned, to keep it from drying out. It requires a longer broiling time than most meats, the broiler distance may require adjusting after the chicken is browned to keep it from becoming too brown before it is cooked through.

Fryers are the most familiar name. It means the chicken is soft enough to fry, but does not mean every time you buy this chicken you have to fry it. They are slightly older than the broilers (7 to 8 weeks old,weighing about 2 to 4 pounds). This kind is the best for your curry, korma, kabab or for frying.

Roasting Chickens are fully developed birds and may weigh between 3½ to 6 lbs. This economical chicken is the best for roasting as a whole, and will yield more meat and less bone. Place the chicken, breast-side up, on a rack in a shallow roasting pan. Brush with lemon and fresh ginger juice and sprinkle with salt and curry powder. Roast at 375 F. In order to prevent dryness, the chicken may be placed on the rack, breast-side down, for about three-fourth of the cooking time and then turned breast-side up, or it may be covered with foil. Foil may be used also to protect the wings and thinghs from over-browning, but do not enclose the whole chicken. Near the end of roasting time baste with drippings, or butter if desired, for crisper skin. To test for doneness pinch the thick muscle of the drumstick. If it feels soft the chicken is done.

Then there is **Capon** - unsexed male bird, noted for its tenderness and large amount of white meat. It weighs 4 to 8 pounds and is usually roasted. Capon is delicious when prepared as a korma or curry.

Stewing Chickens, sometimes called 'fowls' or 'bro-hens', are very mature birds. Because the flesh of this chicken is very tough with thick connective tissues, it needs slow simmering, and is not suitable for curry. Simmer in water in a covered pot with a stalk of celery, an onion and a bay leaf until tender. Strain the broth and reserve it. Cut the chicken meat from the bones in generous slices. This cooked chicken is delicious as a base for other recipes.

Part II — Next Issue

Indian students win essay competition

Three Indians and a Pakistani are the winners of the Asian Student 24th Annual Essay Competition on "The Energy Crisis and Asia's Development".

First prize winner is Kannan Ganesan of India who is a junior at the University of Washington in Seattle. He intends to major in Russian Studies.

Shashi Ranjan Pandey, also from India, is the second prize winner. He is a graduate student at the Fusion Research Center at the University of Texas in Austin.

Co-winning the third prize are Mohamed Afzal Ebrahim, a Pakistani Architecture student at Arizona State University, Tempe, and Hans Raj Anand, an Indian graduate student in Physics at Purdue University.

First and second prize winners will receive cash awards of $200 and $150 respectively while the third prize co-winners will get $100 each. All top four winners will receive Certificates of Merit.

Six other contestants have won honorable mention awards for their essays and will receive a Certificate of Merit. They include: Kasturi Dasgupta of India who is working towards a Ph.D. in Sociology at Louisiana State University Baton Rouge. Susmita Poddar of India, a graduate student in Chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia. Chinthaguntа Subba Reddy of India, a doctoral student in Mechanical Engineering at Clarkson College of Technology, Potsdam, New York.

CORRECTION

In the news report "Dhillon not for overdose of democracy" which appeared in the last issue the last line in the fifth paragraph should read - the press in India is a free press not a controlled press.

The Dhananjayans:A rhythmical unity

By Manjula Parakot

The Dhananjayan's performance in Toronto on April 24, 1976, would best be described in superlative terms. The rhythmic precision and perfection, the grace and keen aesthetic sense displayed by the couple in both "nritya" and "adhinaya" rendered the entire repertoire exquisite. The introduction had been arranged with foreign audiences in mind and helped tremendously to sharpen audience understanding and sense of appreication of the intricate and finer aspects of Indian dance. While Mr. Dhananjayan explained, Shanta did the ten basic postures inscribed in Bharata's Natyashastra. Then followed the fundamental steps, the basic gestures and the nine sentiments.

Ironically however, there were hardly a hundred spectators present in the auditorium that evening to partake of what I would literally term a feast for human eyes. This very same auditorium had been packed to capacity two weeks ago for a show of comparatively poorer aesthetic standards. It set me thinking and as I have analysed it, the poor turnout could be attributable to either inadequate and limited publicity, or the fact that coinciding programs had been arranged for the same evening, or again frankly are our aesthetic expectations diminishing? Whatever the reason may be, it certainly provides some food for thought.

The first half of the program dwelt on short dance pieces while the second half was devoted to a ballet "Sanghamitra". The program commenced with an "alarippu" followed by an interesting and intricate "varnam". Then a "padam", a mime piece from the episode of Lord Krishna and the demoness Poothana, succeeded by a "tillana" where in the brilliant couple were a rhythmical unity. The highlight of the evening, besides the ballet, was a Kathakali item of a doe in labour surrounded by danger in the form of a pitiless hunter, a hungry tiger, an all consuming forest fire and a deep stream - this piece by Dhananjayan was truly a culmination of physical grace and subtle "abhinaya", and a rapturous display of dramatic theatre art. An equally ecstatic item was the "Dashavatharam", the ten incarnations of Lord Vishnu as depicted in the "Geeta Govindam".

The ballet "Sanghamitra", a Buddhist theme, was composed by Professor V. Subramaniyam of Carleton University who wrote the songs and scored the music as well. The theme outlined the important role Emperor Ashoka's daughter Sanghamitra played, after the famous Kalinga war, in converting the mauryan 'King of Kings' to the pacifist ideology of Buddhism. Apart from the fact that the Dhananjayans fitted into their roles perfectly, this ballet was a rar a avis to the audience who enjoyed it immensely.

The Dhananjayans were ably supported by Mr. Rajashekharan the vocalist, Mr. Sridharan the mridangist, and local artistes Mrs. Krishnan on tampura and Mrs. Sharma on veena.

Shanta Dhananjayan was born in Malaysia and started learning Kathakali and Bharata Natyam at Kalakshetra, Madras, when she was six years old, simultaneously pursuing her secondary education. She graduated with distinction in 1962 and then left for Malaysia where she conducted dance classes from 1963-66. Mr. Dhananjayan was born in Payyannur, Kerala, and joined Kalakshetra on a scholarship at the age of 13. He studied Kathakali, Bharata Natyam as well as the mridangam and Carnatic music. He too graudated in 1962 and then established himself as a teacher and leading performer in kalakshetra from 1963-67. In 1966, the Dhananjayans were married. It is interesting to note that amidst all these artistic pursuits, Dhananjayan had the time and initiative for academic studies and graduated in Economics. Between 1967 and 1970, he worked as a junior commercial executive in T. T. Krishnamachari & Company which he termed as "an interesting experience." In 1970 they established their own dance school Bharatakalanjali and have made good progress with their students. The couple have two sons aged 8 and 2, the elder of whom is currently learning Carnatic music and the mridangam.

Asked their opinion of foreign audiences, Mr. Dhananjayan remarked that opposed to American audiences, the Parisiens in particular are not appreciative of the introductory explanations of basic "mudras", "rasas", etc. The romantically inclined French take delight in allowing their imaginations to work out meanings and details whereas we here prefer it "instant and ready-made". However, each man to his own, therefore such allowances are always welcome.

The Dhananjayans and their students have actively participated in a Paramount Pictures documentary titled "Holiday in India" directed by Herbert Coleman and starring Diane Baker, filmed in India last year. This experience was most rewarding, but the Dhananjayans recounted another incident that occurred in Mombasa, Africa, that moved them both considerably and left a deep impression on their minds. Some time ago during a show at Mombasa, an unknown gentleman presented them with a token monetary gift, in appreciation of their performance. This was an old practice among the Kerala Namboodiris who presented priced personal jewellery only on rare occasions when the performing artiste had fully satisfied and impressed them. This gesture, reviving an obsolete tradition, has given the Dhananjayans an incentive to make greater efforts in perpetuating, modifying and improving this great art.

At the end of the show they received a well deserved standing ovation. That evening I spotted in the small crowd the cream of Toronto's genuine dancing talent, who I am positive were busy learning from this rich and rewarding experience. Also hopefully, in future, all indian associations here in Toronto will arrange with a single authority like the India Tourist Office to keep track of social events, in order to prevent functions from overlapping.

ALL POLITICAL PRISONERS IN NAGALAND LET OFF

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Shaikh wins again

For the second year in succession, Adbul Shaikh won the Men's Singles and Men's Doubles titles in the Canadian Open Seniors and Masters Badminton Championships recently concluded at Quebec City. He was the runners-up in the Mixed Doubles. Shaikh defeated Jean-Claude Laprise of Quebec City, 15-4, 13-15, 18-13 in the singles, teamed up with Bert Fergus of Vancouver to overcome Ray Coruish and Bill Parkes of Toronto, 15-8, 7-15, 15-7 and lost in the mixed final with Jean Bardsley of Vancouver, 15-9, 14-17 and 15-5.

Abdul, a former Badminton stalwart from Bombay, is presently employed at the Vancouver Lawn Tennis and Badminton Club as a Badminton, Tennis and Squash Professional. He has also been the Chief Badminton Coach of the Province of British Columbia for the last five years.

J.K. Payal

An Appeal

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Scientist honoured

Dr. B. SARKAR of the Hospital for Sick Children and the University of Toronto was recently honoured by a special resolution of the Council of the Indian Chemical Society, inviting him to India as a Visiting Professor. For a period of three weeks, he lectured in a number of Universities and Medical Centres throughout India including the cities of Bombay, Calcutta, Madras, Bangalore, Delhi and Kanpur.

Following his lecture tour, Dr. Sarkar and his family were given the honour of an audience with the Prime Minister, Mrs. Indira Gandhi on April 30, the day he departed for Canada. Dr. Sarkar is well-known for his pioneering work on the design and synthesis of the active sites of proteins and enzymes.

In September, Dr. Sarkar will take up the position of Visiting Professor at the Universities of Oxford and Paris for one year.

Subba Rao dead

Bangalore, May 17 (UNI): The former Chief Justice of India, Koka Subba Rao, died here May 6 following a heart attack. He was 74.

Mr. Rao is survived by his wife, a son and a daughter.

Subba Rao had unsuccessfully contested for the presidentship of India against Dr. Zakir Hussain in 1967.

The body was cremated at the Wilson Garden crematorium.

Patna, May 17 (Samachar): The current heat wave sweeping north-eastern India have claimed 15 lives in Bihar State.

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Cricket team in Ottawa

The 'Madras Occasionals' will arrive in Ottawa on June 7 to play at the Governor General's Ground at Rideau Hall on June 8 from 8.30 A.M. to 7.30 P.M. After playing in Ottawa they will go to Toronto, Montreal and the U.S.

The team consists of 18 players the captain being R. Ramesh.

Everyone is encouraged to come to the game to support them. For information please call: Mumtaz Akhtar at 224-9426.

Anil Canada saved?

It is expected that Anil Canada Ltd., started by Bombay industrialist G. R. Jolleys, a brownboard producing company recently gone bankrupt will be bought out by Masonite of Canada Ltd.

Mr. Jolley was the controller of the firm which went into receivership late last year. It has been taken over by the Industrial Estates Ltd. of Nova Scotia.

Anil Canada Ltd. is capable of producing 300 million square feet of brounboard annually, 85 percent of what its produced is sold in Canada. The Gatineau plant of Masonite limits 200 million square feet per annum. Should Masonite buy Anil it will become Canada's largest brown-board producer.

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by Jane Tweddle

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